

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 1, 2000 with 20 claims. In the originally filed claims, there was a second instance of claim 13, and the Examiner renumbered the second instance of claim 13 and claims 14 through 19 as claims 14 through 20. Consequently, claims 1 through 20 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application. An Appeal Brief has been filed contemporaneously herewith.

Applicants propose to amend dependent claim 17 to depend from claim 16 and not from claim 15. As described above, the Examiner renumbered the claims. When the claims were renumbered, Applicants did not amend claim 17 to renumber the reference in claim 17. With this amendment, Applicants are renumbering this reference.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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